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# MONTANA LABOR MARKET

Monthly Review of  
EMPLOYMENT OUTLOOK, LABOR SUPPLY, LABOR DEMAND, CURRENT EMPLOYMENT

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### High Employment Levels Maintained In August

Wage earners on the August payrolls of the state's non-agricultural employers were estimated at 170,800 according to preliminary statistical sampling prepared by the Unemployment Compensation Commission in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. A gain of 400 is noted over July, with the adjusted figure for that month fixed at 170,400. The average August non-farm employment for the eight years 1950-1957 is 165,400. Normally industrial employment in the state is highest during August, but active forces in construction, lumbering and logging, and the trade and service industries could well maintain or exceed high employment levels during September.

#### Three Major Industries Gain

Increased employment over July was recorded by trade, up 400; and contract construction and manufacturing, up 200 each. Two industries showed gains over last August: Service, up 600 from a year ago, and Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, up 100.

#### Truck Dispute Slows Gains

Overall gains in increasing employment totals were temporarily slowed when approximately 500 workers were idled as the West Coast Teamsters strike-lockout reached into Montana the early part of the month. Heaviest concentration of affected workers were in the Billings, Butte, Great Falls, Helena, and Missoula areas. Unemployment compensation claims filed by workers not directly involved in the dispute, but separated because of it, caused some August weekly claim totals to rise slightly. Some of the idled workers were temporarily absorbed by other industries.

#### Lumbering and Logging Rolls Along

Making good recovery from economic troubles which temporarily felled the industry last year, lumbering and logging was an active force in the timbered areas of the state. Maximum crews were occupied in the Kalispell, Missoula, Hamilton and Livingston areas. A shortage of fallers and heavy equipment operators developed during the month. Employment totals for August were 8,500, a gain of 200 over July, and equal to last year.

#### Some Worker Shortage Exists

Continued upsurge in building construction created a shortage of carpenters, plasterers and painters with the most acute shortage evident in the Glasgow area. In the larger cities of the state the demand for professional and clerical workers, cooks and waitresses exceeded the supply. Some workers were withdrawn from the labor market as high school and college students prepared to return to school and replacements were necessary for the construction, and service and trade industries.

### WIDESPREAD HIRING IN FARM AND INDUSTRY HIGHLIGHTS AUGUST EMPLOYMENT PICTURE

Sparked by high activity in agriculture and continued impact of favorable seasonal influences in industry, the Montana economy moved upward during August, traditionally the month when the state's maximum seasonal development and expansion in employment is seen. The number of work applicants in the files of the twenty-two officers of the Montana State Employment Service was reduced by 3,000 during the month, with 8,772 active at the end of the month, compared to 11,784 in July. The current total of job-seekers, however, was 3,000 greater than the comparable period a year ago, a debit for which depressed metal mining conditions must be held largely accountable. Losses in mining employment totals cast a shadow on an otherwise bright employment pattern and tended to obscure over-all gains in the state's total employment picture. During the month 3,925 new job applicants were registered, compared to 4,388 last month and 4,033 a year ago.

#### Job Placements Exceed Last Year

During August a total of 9,678 workers were placed in gainful employment in a variety of state-wide activities by local employment service offices. The figure represents a gain of 475 over a year ago when the August total placement stood at 9,203. Of the total, 6,319 were placed in agricultural activities, and 3,359 in industry as follows: professional and managerial, 141 (including 114 teacher placements); clerical and sales, 359; service, 894; skilled, 234; semi-skilled, 318, and unskilled and other, 1,413.

#### Work-Applicant Count in Review

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951
January .....	21,533	14,792	12,676	12,887	12,270	10,616	10,370	11,685
March .....	23,394	14,930	12,663	11,979	11,075	9,323	9,392	10,844
May .....	15,233	9,032	5,105	5,565	6,191	4,324	3,276	4,312
July .....	11,784	6,419	3,807	4,628	4,283	3,249	2,191	3,260
August .....	8,772	5,872	2,808	2,458	3,519	2,069	1,619	2,370
September* ..	7,300	6,328	2,889	2,781	3,782	2,288	1,388	2,304
November ....		12,564	6,453	6,968	5,617	5,048	4,135	4,341

\*Estimated

#### Butte Still Has Labor Pains

The State's largest labor supply remained in the Butte area where 2,211 job applicants sought employment. For the week ending September 5th, 1,520 claimed unemployment compensation benefits, 31.8 per cent of the state's total claim load. Closure of a laundry and two cafes, plus scattered layoffs, in mining, added to the problem. About the only bright spot in the Butte picture was the pay raise granted July 1, 1958 to those occupations under the jurisdiction of the Mine, Mill and Operating Engineers Union.

#### New Highway Contracts Let

A total of nearly 25 million was awarded in state highway contracts during August, including more than 88 miles of road and 13 bridges and overpasses. In addition bids on 15 more highway jobs will be opened in Helena on September 24; no dollar estimate is available for the September jobs. Contractors had 1,724 workers employed on construction and improvement of 715 miles of highway, bridge and overpass construction, and crushing and stockpiling of gravel. Fifteen projects were completed during the month, and good progress was noted on the remainder.

#### Other Construction Active

A wide variety of building construction was predominant on the state-wide scene. At the Glasgow air base, 1,200 workmen are employed, 300 more than last month and

700 more than a year ago. Noxon Dam employment is stabilized at 800, and activity at the Great Falls air base remains high. Completion of a new planer mill at Polson is scheduled for October, when approximately 100 will be employed when operations start. State-wide construction was in many other forms: supermarkets, residential and commercial buildings, national guard armories, farm granaries and elevators, motels, a TV center, and school and college buildings. Contractors' payrolls should remain at high level if favorable weather continues.

#### Yellowtail Dam Prospects Brighten

Congressional approval of 2½ million dollars for Crow Indian tribal lands in Big Horn County clears the first hurdle for the proposed Yellowtail Dam near Hardin; tribal acceptance of the offer is awaited. It is doubtful, however, that preliminary work at the dam site could be started before next spring.

The Week of Oct. 5 through  
Oct. 11 is "Hire the Handi-  
capped Week."

Remember, it is ability, not  
disability that counts!



## Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary, Sept 1

**ANACONDA, Deer Lodge Philipsburg—** 329 jobseekers, 126 new; 213 men, 116 women). Repair of smelter zinc concentrator expected to be completed late fall. Re-assignment of workers to other plant departments prevented some layoffs. Construction, both highway and building, on schedule. Start of potato harvest expected late September. Labor supply in area ample to meet demands.

**BILLINGS, Columbus, Hardin, Hysham, Laurel, Red Lodge, Roundup—**(1,002 jobseekers, 673 new; 654 men, 357 women). City building permits above year ago. New home building totals \$165,000 and estimated hail damage repair work over one million dollars. Work progressing on new T-V center, school additions, new high school and 3½ million dollar shopping center. Interstate highway, bridges and over-pass nearing completion. Railroad hiring slow; 150 workers idled at shops in Laurel past two months. Maintenance crews reduced to minimum. Winter wheat harvest completed with good crop yields. Sweet corn harvest in progress; will end late this month. Area labor supply adequate to meet demands.

**BOZEMAN, Ennis, Three Forks, Trident—**(426 jobseekers, 237 new; 309 men, 117 women). Work on new construction and additions to existing structures at state college well under way. Local labor meeting all demands. Logging operations in full force and will continue until weather changes. New church, lumber warehouse and office structures among new building projects.

**BUTTE, Virginia City, Whitehall—**(2,211 jobseekers, 411 new; 1,695 men, 516 women). Skilled craftsmen in metal mining laid off in small numbers during month; some absorbed in other industries, local and statewide. 35 truck drivers and loading dock workers affected by west coast teamsters dispute. Tempo of hiring in clerical, sales and service industries increased as replacements needed for students returning to school. Agricultural hiring slowed as haying season nears end. 150 applicants await referral when potato harvest starts in Anaconda and Deer Lodge valley areas.

**CUT BANK—**157 jobseekers, 137 new; 102 men, 55 women). Small grain harvest 60 per cent complete with 25 custom combines working in area. Farm labor supply adequate. Construction limited to work at radar base and gymnasium at Browning.

**DILLON—**(65 jobseekers, 97 new; 40 men, 25 women). Construction of \$100,000 National Guard Armory to start September 15, 1958. City street oiling completed; new \$40,000 church building begun with 14 workers employed. Four classrooms being added

## LABOR MARKET INDICATORS

Employment—	Aug. 1958	July 1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. Avg. 1950-1957
Industrial Employment .....	170,800	170,400	177,000	165,400
New Job Applications .....	3,925	4,388	4,033	6,074
Job Applicants, End of Month.....	8,772	11,784	5,872	1,333
	Sept. 5 1958	Aug. 8 1958	Sept. 6 1957	Avg. 1st Sept. Wk. 1950-1957
Insured Unemployment, Week of				
New and Renewal Claims .....	698	576	576	229
Unemployed Weeks Filed .....	4,080	4,492	2,756	1,146
Total Unemployment Claims .....	4,778	5,068	3,332	1,375

to local school. 35 workers engaged in building 12 new homes, new bowling alley completed.

**GLASGOW, Fort Peck, Malta, Opheim—**(235 jobseekers, 153 new; 154 men, 81 women). September will see peak employment at Glasgow airbase; 1,200 workers presently employed, 300 over last month and 704 more than last year. Some workers temporarily idled due to material shortages and defects. Shortage of carpenters remains despite recruitment efforts from other state areas. Grain harvest ahead of schedule due to ideal weather.

**GLENDIVE, Circle, Wibaux—**(90 jobseekers, 87 new; 51 men, 39 women). Construction in the shape of new homes, radio booster station, four highway bridges and repair and remodeling of commercial buildings. No new highway construction at present but recent bids may bring start of some new projects later this year. Grain harvest completed with next major activities, potato and sugar beet harvest.

**GREAT FALLS, Choteau, Fort Benton, Stanford—**(714 jobseekers, 346 new; 379 men, 335 women). Stepped up hiring noted in most industries, especially building construction, service, trade and agricultural. Construction and additions to facilities at airbase on schedule. Grain harvest started late July; will extend into late September. Heavy immigration of workers noted during the month, attracted by construction contracts and grain harvest possibilities. Accelerated hiring expected in construction, clerical and sales occupations in September.

**HAMILTON, Stevensville—**(209 jobseekers, 56 new; 144 men, 65 women). Added strength was seen in logging and lumbering with an appreciable increase over employment totals of last year. One mill has added a night shift. Construction is centered in three main projects; two forest service roads and a National Guard armory building in town. Demand for hay hands, berry pickers, grain and potato harvesters remains good and will increase with the start of school. Potato acreage under last year, but apples expected to yield maximum returns. Heavy transient influx noted particularly from the west coast.

**HAVRE, Chinook, Harlem—**(99 jobseekers, 111 new; 38 men, 61 women). Non-agricultural employment outlook remains good. 15 workers employed on church construction valued at \$74,000. New school building to be completed September 15. Road construction within city limits occupies 20 workers. Trade and service industries remain stable. Decline noted in railroad construction and repair compared to last year.

**HELENA, Boulder, Garrison, Townsend, White Sulphur Springs—**(494 jobseekers, 198 new; 336 men, 158 women). Demand for service and trade personnel dropped as tourist season neared end. Construction active force especially in city street improvement and residential and commercial building. Favorable indicators point to continued activity in the field until terminated by weather. Good progress noted on Canyon Ferry road oiling project.

**KALISPELL, Columbia Falls, Eureka, Libby, Whitefish—**(770 jobseekers, 213 new; 490 men, 280 women). High activity noted in logging and lumbering, government and trade industries with increased hiring in all. Replacement hiring for sawmills begun late August as college students left jobs to prepare for fall school term. Logging operations in Libby area at peak. Contract construction added carpenters, brick layers, electricians to payrolls during period.

**LEWISTOWN, Harlowton, Ryegate, Winnett—**(75 jobseekers, 86 new; 43 men, 32 women). New county road project started during the month; city street improvement program also began. Excavation started on the enlargement of facilities at fish hatchery. Clean up work begun preparatory to remodeling of hotel damaged by fire earlier this year. Surplus of farm labor noted in area.

**LIVINGSTON, Big Timber—**(125 jobseekers, 71 new; 75 men, 50 women). Highway construction in area at all time high. Building construction includes new parish hall, private home building and razing of old hotel preliminary to start of new motel construction. Government construction project in Yellowstone Park will occupy workers another 30 to 60 days, depending on weather. Logging and lumbering active with

### NINE YEARS OF MONTANA INDUSTRIAL EMPLOYMENT TOTALS, BY MONTHS (in Thousands)

	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Aver.
1950 .....	133.2	132.2	135.2	142.1	147.3	153.6	154.9	157.1	156.8	152.2	150.7	148.8	147.0
1951 .....	141.9	139.4	140.3	145.9	149.4	154.1	153.5	154.6	154.3	152.4	151.7	150.6	149.0
1952 .....	140.5	140.7	143.0	149.7	154.8	159.9	159.5	161.2	160.4	157.9	156.0	154.9	153.2
1953 .....	145.8	144.5	146.3	149.7	153.1	158.0	158.5	160.6	160.3	159.6	157.6	156.4	154.2
1954 .....	146.7	145.5	147.2	151.1	155.7	161.6	164.1	165.4	154.8	153.9	158.2	155.7	155.0
1955 .....	148.4	146.8	147.4	153.4	158.4	166.8	168.2	170.4	169.8	165.9	162.4	160.3	159.8
1956 .....	154.3	152.1	154.2	160.7	167.0	175.0	175.7	177.5	176.9	173.6	167.9	165.2	166.7
1957 .....	159.0	157.8	158.6	163.0	168.6	174.8	176.9	176.8	175.2	170.0	165.4	161.1	167.3
1958 .....	154.6	151.4	151.7	157.4	163.5	169.6	170.4	170.8					



## Along the Hiring Line— Field Summary, Sept 1

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maximum crews; large sawmill operating with three shifts and plan crew increase next 30 days. Railroad picture brightens with need for additional workers and apprentices soon.

**MILES CITY, Baker, Ekalaka, Broadus, Forsyth, Jordan, Terry**—(101 jobseekers, 109 new; 49 men, 52 women). All construction increased despite no new large projects. Shortage of carpenters noted. Trade and service industries remain stable.

**MISSOULA, Drummond, Arlee, Superior**—(784 jobseekers, 326 new; 457 men, 327 women). Only limited activity noted on 2½ million dollar highway projects let last month. Service and trade industries active but volume not up to expectations. Some shortages exist for skilled workers in lumbering and logging. Planing mill added temporary shift of 30 men. 70 workers idled in area by west coast teamsters dispute.

**POLSON**—(183 jobseekers, 66 new; 151 men, 32 women). Sweet cherry harvest completed and most temporary workers left the area. Turnover rate low in construction of new planer mill, where 40 men are currently employed; completion set for October and expected 100 workers will be employed when mill operations commence. Potato harvest to start late September, mostly by mechanized means eliminating hand pickers.

**SHELBY, Chester, Conrad**—(300 jobseekers, 239 new; 248 men, 52 women). Contract construction limited to farm granaries and home building. Bids let for grading and surfacing 20 miles of Shelby-Chester highway, and Shelby main street. \$360,000 high school and gymnasium let in Brady with completion slated for 1959-60 school term.

**SIDNEY**—(97 jobseekers, 48 new; 57 men, 40 women). Contract construction at peak with new homes, motel addition, bottling plant and grain elevator all nearing completion. 18 men employed at mining operations in Savage coal fields. County and city road improvement projects in good progress with no labor turnover. Business men report record sales year with farm machinery sales best in the past three years. Sugar beet yields in area expected to exceed previous highs by one to two tons per acre. Bean and potato crops will provide normal yields.

**THOMPSON FALLS, Hot Springs**—(148 jobseekers, 64 new; 115 men, 33 women). Noxon Rapids Dam project 68 per cent completed with approximately 800 employed. Concrete work completed with exception of pouring for the spillway section. Preparatory work begun for installation of power house and subsidiary machinery. Highway and county road projects will reach completion this fall. Riprapping of railroad embankments will continue into November.

**WOLF POINT, Plentywood, Scobey**—(158 jobseekers, 71 new; 103 men, 55 women). Building construction on increase and comparable to last year. New school at Flaxville, two churches, bowling alley and residential construction in Wolf Point occupy local craftsmen. Highway construction projects at Scobey, Brockton and Wolf Point near completion. Highway project at Culbertson started middle of August. Oil field activity remains stable but no spectacular change seen during next two months.

## ESTIMATED EMPLOYMENT IN NON-AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES IN MONTANA (1)

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)

INDUSTRY	EMPLOYMENT			Net Change	
	Aug. 1958 (2)	July 1958 (3)	Aug. 1957	July '58 to Aug. '58	Aug. '57 to Aug. '58
<b>NONAGRICULTURAL INDUSTRIES.....</b>	<b>170,800</b>	<b>170,400</b>	<b>176,800</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>—6,000</b>
<b>Manufacturing.....</b>	<b>21,400</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>22,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>— 800</b>
Durable goods.....	14,200	14,000	14,800	200	— 600
Lumber and timber products.....	8,500	8,300	8,500	200	00
Primary metals.....	4,400	4,400	5,000	00	— 600
Other (4).....	1,300	1,300	1,300	00	00
Nondurable goods.....	7,200	7,200	7,400	00	— 200
Food and kindred products.....	3,400	3,400	3,600	00	— 200
Printing and publishing.....	1,700	1,700	1,600	00	100
Petroleum refining.....	1,100	1,100	1,200	00	— 100
Other (5).....	1,000	1,000	1,000	00	00
<b>Mining.....</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>8,400</b>	<b>10,700</b>	<b>— 200</b>	<b>—2,500</b>
Metal mining.....	4,600	4,800	6,900	— 200	—2,300
Coal, quarrying and nonmetallic.....	900	900	900	00	00
Petroleum-natural gas production.....	2,700	2,700	2,900	00	— 200
<b>Contract Construction.....</b>	<b>14,900</b>	<b>14,700</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>— 300</b>
Contractors, building construction.....	4,500	4,300	5,600	200	—1,100
Contractors, other than building.....	6,800	6,700	4,900	100	1,900
Contractors, special trade.....	3,600	3,700	4,700	— 100	—1,100
<b>Transportation and utilities.....</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>20,100</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>—2,200</b>
Interstate railroads.....	10,300	10,300	12,200	00	—1,900
Transportation except railroads.....	4,300	4,300	3,900	00	400
Utilities including communication.....	5,500	5,500	6,200	00	— 700
<b>Trade.....</b>	<b>42,600</b>	<b>42,200</b>	<b>44,200</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>—1,600</b>
Wholesale trade.....	9,100	9,100	9,800	00	— 700
Retail trade.....	33,500	33,100	34,400	400	— 900
General merchandise and apparel.....	5,900	5,700	6,200	200	— 300
Food stores.....	4,600	4,700	4,800	— 100	— 200
Eating and drinking establishments.....	10,000	9,800	9,800	200	200
Automotive and filling stations.....	6,700	6,600	6,800	100	— 100
Retail trade not elsewhere classified.....	6,300	6,300	6,800	00	— 500
<b>Finance, insurance and real estate.....</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>6,100</b>	<b>6,000</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Services and miscellaneous.....</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>24,300</b>	<b>23,700</b>	<b>00</b>	<b>600</b>
Hotels, rooming houses, camps, etc.....	4,700	4,700	4,500	00	200
Personal services.....	2,700	2,700	2,600	00	100
Other (6).....	16,900	16,900	16,600	00	300
<b>Government.....</b>	<b>33,200</b>	<b>33,400</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>— 200</b>	<b>700</b>
Federal.....	9,000	9,000	9,100	00	— 100
State and local.....	24,200	24,400	23,400	— 200	800
<b>Great Falls Area (Cascade County).....</b>	<b>20,900</b>	<b>20,700</b>	<b>21,200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>— 300</b>
Manufacturing.....	2,600	2,600	3,100	00	— 500
Contract construction.....	2,500	2,500	2,400	00	100
Transportation and utilities.....	2,100	2,100	2,500	00	— 400
Trade, wholesale and retail.....	6,800	6,600	6,700	200	100
Services and miscellaneous (7).....	4,400	4,400	4,100	00	300
Government.....	2,500	2,500	2,400	00	100

(1) Estimates include all full and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period ending nearest the 15th of the month. Proprietors, firm members, personnel of the armed forces, domestic servants, and self-employed persons are excluded.

(2) Preliminary estimates based on return from samples of 541 selected Montana establishments.

(3) Figures previously released have been revised on return from 951 such establishments.

(4) Includes fabricated metal products, machinery except electrical, furniture, stone and clay products.

(5) Includes apparel, chemicals, and miscellaneous manufacturing products.

(6) Includes commercial trade schools, auto repair services and garages, miscellaneous repair services and hand trades, motion pictures, amusements and recreation, medical and health, law offices and professional services, nonprofit membership organizations and business not otherwise classified.

(7) Same as (6) above, also includes finance, real estate and mining.

## COMPARISON OF BASIC LABOR MARKET ACTIVITIES IN AUGUST, 1958 AND AUGUST, 1957

Employment Service Office	New Job Applicants				Jobseekers in File				Job Placements								U. I. Claims Wk. 9-5	
	Aug. 1958		Aug. 1957		Aug. 1958		Aug. 1957		Aug. 1958				Aug. 1957				1958	1957
	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.	Ind.	Ag.	Tot.	Vet.		
Anaconda.....	126	21	75	29	329	70	130	38	90	30	120	32	35	51	86	20	275	90
Billings.....	673	241	628	172	1,002	304	731	212	414	1,231	1,645	212	459	598	1,057	383	619	390
Bozeman.....	237	94	220	89	426	145	252	71	226	224	450	147	222	257	479	139	60	24
Butte.....	411	139	683	225	2,211	682	1,510	515	49	83	132	20	173	60	233	81	1,520	1,090
Cut Bank.....	137	77	167	82	157	54	78	36	58	164	222	91	53	108	161	106	73	35
Dillon.....	97	47	65	27	65	19	59	10	33	241	274	145	44	228	272	154	31	44
Glasgow.....	153	44	98	30	235	55	122	11	265	388	653	144	203	322	525	124	54	28
Glendive.....	87	28	66	17	90	31	65	10	103	212	315	66	100	285	385	97	39	15
Great Falls.....	346	102	361	126	714	195	555	150	492	1,194	1,686	364	379	1,025	1,404	271	405	353
Hamilton.....	56	14	33	12	209	50	278	65	40	520	560	16	61	469	530	55	57	40
Havre.....	111	30	94	31	99	19	64	12	130	583	713	371	346	477	823	412	89	41
Helena.....	198	69	321	127	494	185	180	44	130	81	211	85	285	78	363	178	193	95
Kalispell.....	213	52	147	37	770	170	530	151	518	20	538	163	462	25	487	68	398	324
Lewistown.....	86	28	38	11	75	9	60	11	64	392	456	173	45	212	257	73	45	37
Livingston.....	71	24	74	26	125	35	72	28	92	32	124	62	74	57	131	41	77	46
Miles City.....	109	32	117	39	101	18	64	16	96	115	211	81	100	106	206	80	73	44
Missoula.....	326	105	344	125	784	191	748	247	165	108	273	114	138	71	209	93	416	364
Polson.....	66	17	41	8	183	60	109	35	32	228	260	82	137	667	804	56	105	106
Shelby.....	239	69	244	104	300	85	66	22	78	270	348	105	103	258	361	129	65	31
Sidney.....	48	23	31	6	97	16	32	7	64	78	142	29	53	51	104	23	37	19
Thomp. Falls.....	64	22	82	20	148	35	117	26	71	1	72	24	90	3	93	39	68	96
Wolf Point.....	71	19	104	24	158	44	50	12	35	124	159	32	33	200	233	43	79	20
TOTALS.....	3,925	1,297	4,033	1,367	8,772	2,472	5,872	1,729	3,245	6,319	9,564	2,558	3,595	5,608	9,203	2,665	4,778	3,332

\*Includes 111 claims of Federal Employees UC Program, 68 same a year ago.

## AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN SELECTED MONTANA INDUSTRIES

(Produced in co-operation with United States Bureau of Labor Statistics)  
(Hours and earnings data exclude administrative and salaried personnel)

INDUSTRY	Average Weekly Earnings			Average Weekly Hours			Average Hourly Earnings		
	Aug. (1) 1958	July (2) 1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. (1) 1958	July (2) 1958	Aug. 1957	Aug. (1) 1958	July (2) 1958	Aug. 1957
All Manufacturing.....	\$90.88	\$90.95	\$86.66	39.5	39.3	39.1	\$2.30	\$2.31	\$2.22
Durable goods.....	85.88	86.03	85.04	38.7	38.6	39.1	2.22	2.23	2.18
Primary metals.....	90.15	90.06	86.77	38.2	38.2	37.8	2.36	2.36	2.30
Nondurable goods.....	101.73	100.70	90.30	41.2	41.1	39.1	2.47	2.45	2.31
Food and kindred products.....	84.56	82.34	77.25	41.4	41.4	41.2	2.04	1.99	1.88
All Mining.....	96.06	99.25	97.46	37.3	38.7	38.8	2.58	2.57	2.51
Metal mining.....	95.13	95.19	93.55	37.6	37.6	38.1	2.53	2.53	2.46
Transportation and Utilities (except railrds.).....	95.38	97.33	92.34						
Transportation (except railroads).....	116.09	115.35	117.17						
Utilities and communication.....	83.16	86.63	81.00	38.5	40.5	40.3	2.16	2.14	2.01

(1) Preliminary estimates. (2) Figures previously released have been revised on more complete returns.

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